

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 192

By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to recognize the military service of U.S. Army Specialist E4 Matthew Allen Browder.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to honor those many valiant men and women who continue this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, United States Army Specialist E4 Matthew Allen Browder is one of this State's and this Nation's finest young men, who has recently ended a nine-month tour of duty in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, a proud resident of Loudon County, Specialist Browder hails from a distinguished heritage in East Tennessee traceable to 1798, and to this day members of his family continue to occupy the same farmland as they have lived on since shortly after Tennessee established statehood; and

WHEREAS, a 2008 graduate of Lenoir City High School, Specialist Browder attended Roane State Community College and was gainfully employed up until September 2010, when he enlisted in the U.S. Army as an MOS11(Bravo) Infantry Soldier; and

WHEREAS, following successful completion of basic training, Specialist Browder was stationed at Joint Base Lewis McChord, Washington, the post to which he has now returned following a tour duty as a mortarman in the Kandahar Province in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, currently assigned to the 2nd Brigade 2nd Infantry Division, 8th Squadron

1st Cavalry, Bear Troop, Fires Platoon, Specialist Browder has produced his best efforts and been thusly recognized with promotions that are impressive during his young military career; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Browder has achieved the following recognitions as of this time: U.S. ARMY Combatives Level I Certified; Combat Live Saver Certified; Expert Marksmanship Badge for M4 Rifle, 60mm and 120 mm mortar system; Drivers Badge Wheeled Vehicles; Army Achievement Medal for Winning the Task Force Blackhawk Soldier of the Quarter Board; and Army Commendation for meritorious service; and

WHEREAS, his innate pride and patriotism are amply bolstered by the whole-hearted love and support of his parents, David and Melissa Browder and Lizz Hardy, and his sister, Olivia Hardy; and

WHEREAS, exceedingly proud, too, of their prodigy are the grandparents of Specialist Browder, John Rousseau and Betty Browder, Dimple Browder, Barbara Wilkerson, and Marie Caldwell; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Army Specialist Matthew Allen Browder has served and continues to serve his country and fellow Americans with the strength of mind, body, and soul that is deserving of the attention and applause of this legislative body, for his valor and courage is reminiscent of his forbearers' determination to embrace, improve, and protect their Tennessee homeland; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and express great appreciation to United States Army Specialist E4 Matthew Allen Browder for the valorous military service he has rendered to our country, and we wish him Godspeed throughout all the remaining days of his enlistment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.